

VERSAILLES STATE PARK

We offer interpretive programs designed to enhance your knowledge of nature. All programs are free and open to the public. All activities will be held at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted. Please bring mosquito repellent and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor programs. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. We recommend participating in the Hoosier Quest Series not only to develop a deeper relationship with natural and cultural resources of Indiana, but also to earn mementos for your involvement. Please stop by and visit our Nature Center! Thank you and enjoy your visit!

Interpretive Naturalist: Liz Habley
Property Manager: Ted O. Tapp
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NATURE CENTER HOURS
Monday –Wednesday: Closed
Thursday – Sunday: Hours Vary

SATURDAY, August 1

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

Families and children are welcome to find out about and begin the Hoosier Quest Series during this hour. Each of the three paths—Discover, Connect and Explore—have different requirements.

1 PM Crafty Critters (~ ½ hr.)

Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!

3 PM Nature Scavenger Hunt (~ 1 hr.)

Meet the naturalist at the Nature center to go on a hike up Trail #3. We'll go on a scavenger hunt to find a variety of critters, plants and more. There will be prizes for the top scavengers.

SUNDAY, August 2

8:30 AM Morning Worship Service (~ 1 hr.)

Meet at the breezeway in Campground A, next to the first comfort station.

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

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1 PM Interesting Insects (~ ¾ hr.)

Meet at the Nature Center to take a short trek with the naturalist and catch whatever bug or spider we find. We'll take them back to the Nature Center to talk about how they help indicate pollution levels.

3 PM Feeding Time (~ ¾ hr.)

Learn about the food chain and then observe it first hand by helping the naturalist feed the animals at the Nature Center.

THURSDAY, July 30

10 AM Canoeing Outing (~2 hrs.)

Sign up at the Nature Center between 8 am and 10 am to venture out on the water and observe some of the park's beautiful scenery. *Must be signed up to participate.*

3:30 PM Pool Pals (~¼ hrs.)

Be on the look out for the naturalist at the pool during swim break! See what interesting pals she brings to talk about.

FRIDAY, July 31

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

Families and children are welcome to find out about and begin the Hoosier Quest Series during this hour. Each of the three paths—Discover, Connect and Explore—have different requirements.

2 PM Slithering Safari (~1hr.)

Join the naturalist in searching for all kinds of critters in the Park's creeks to capture for educational purposes. Bring old shoes, clothing, and a net if you have one.

4 PM Roving the Campground (~1 hr.)

Look what the naturalist dragged in! Keep your eyes open to see what interesting things the naturalist brings up to the campground.

SATURDAY, August 1

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- 1 PM Crafty Critters** (~ ½ hr.)
Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!
- 3 PM Nature Scavenger Hunt** (~1hr.)
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SUNDAY, August 2

- 8:30 AM Morning Worship Service** (~1hr.)
Meet at the breezeway in Campground A, next to the first comfort station.
- 10 AM Hoosier Quest Series** (~ 1 hr.)
Families and children are welcome to find out about and begin the Hoosier Quest Series during this hour. Each of the three paths—Discover, Connect and Explore—have different requirements.
- 12 PM Interesting Insects** (~ ¾ hr.)
Meet at the Nature Center to take a short trek with the naturalist and catch whatever bug or spider we find. We'll take them back to the Nature Center to talk about how they help indicate pollution levels.
- 2 PM Feeding Time** (~ ¾ hr.)
Learn about the food chain and then observe it first hand by helping the naturalist feed the animals at the Nature Center.

THURSDAY, August 6

- 10 AM Birding from the Water** (~2 hrs.)
Sign up at the Nature Center by 9:30 am for the opportunity to canoe up Laughery Creek observe some of the parks feathered inhabitants. *Must be signed up to participate.*
- 3:30 PM Pool Pals** (~¼ hr.)
Be on the look out for the naturalist at the pool during swim break! See what interesting pals she brings to talk about.

FRIDAY, August 7

- 11 AM Busy Beavers** (~ ½ hr.)
Drop in the Nature Center to learn about the work of beavers. Watch an interesting film on the business of beavers to find out why they are important to forest habitats.
- 1 PM Hoosier Quest Series** (~1 hr.)
Families and children are welcome to find out about and begin the Hoosier Quest Series during this hour. Each of the three paths—Discover, Connect and Explore—have different requirements.
- 3 PM Turtle Talk** (~ ½ hr.)
Drop in the Nature Center to learn about some of the turtles that live at Versailles State Park. Find out about turtles' special adaptations and get a chance to check them out up close.

SATURDAY, August 8

- 11 AM Hoosier Quest Series** (~1 hr.)
Families and children are welcome to find out about and begin the Hoosier Quest Series during this hour. Each of the three paths—Discover, Connect and Explore—have different requirements.
- 2 PM Wonderful Wetlands** (~ ¼ hr.)
Drop in the Nature Center to learn about the wetlands in Indiana. Check out a few creatures that inhabit wetlands and watch a film to find out why they are so important to us.
- 3 PM Tree Identity** (~½ hr.)
Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to identify different leaves, branching patterns and fruits of the trees in the area. Then go on a short hike to put your observation skills to the test with the trees we encounter.

SUNDAY, August 9

- 11 AM One Bad Bug** (~ ½ hr.)
Come watch a film about the Emerald Ash Borer. Find out about the massive destruction caused by this one little bug and what you can do to help stop it.
- 1 PM Crafty Critters** (~½ hr.)

Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!

THURSDAY, August 13

10 AM Canoeing Laughery Creek (~2 hrs.)

Sign up at the Nature Center by 9:30 am to venture up the creek and observe some of the park's lesser viewed scenery. *Experienced paddlers, please. Must be signed up to participate.*

2 PM One Bad Bug (~ 1/2 hr.)

Come watch a film about the Emerald Ash Borer. Find out about the massive destruction caused by this one little bug and what you can do to help stop it.

FRIDAY, August 14

3 PM Hoosier Quest Series (~1 hr.)

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5 PM Roving the Campground (~1 hr.)

Look what the naturalist dragged in! Keep your eyes open to see what interesting things the naturalist brings up to the campground.

9 PM Owl Prowl (~1¼ hrs.)

Meet at the Saddle Barn to take a walk down Old Fire Tower Road. Hopefully we will hear a few owls and distinguish their calls from the other sounds of the night. *No flashlights, please.*

SATURDAY, August 15

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~1 hr.)

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1 PM Turtle Talk (~ 1/2 hr.)

Drop in the Nature Center to learn about some of the turtles that live at Versailles State Park. Find out about turtles' special adaptations and get a chance to check them out up close.

3 PM Geology Rocks! (~1 hr.)

Join the naturalist at the nature center for a hike to explore the creeks searching for fossils to identify.

SUNDAY, August 16

9 AM Tree Identity (~1/2 hr.)

Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to identify different leaves, branching patterns and fruits of the trees in the area. Then go on a short hike to put your observation skills to the test with the trees we encounter.

1 PM Crafty Critters (~1/2 hr.)

Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!

THURSDAY, August 20

10 AM Nature Rubbings (~ 1/2 hr.)

Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to go on a walk up Trail #3. We'll make rubbings of leaves, fossils, bark and more! There are little prizes for those who complete all of the rubbings.

1 PM Busy Beavers (~ 1/2 hr.)

Drop in the Nature Center to learn about the work of beavers. Watch an interesting film on the business of beavers to find out why they are important to forest habitats.

FRIDAY, August 21

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~1 hr.)

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1 PM Turtle Talk (~ 1/2 hr.)

Drop in the Nature Center to learn about some of the turtles that live at Versailles State Park. Find out about turtles' special adaptations and get a chance to check them out up close.

4 PM Roving the Campground (~1 hr.)

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SATURDAY, August 22

9 AM Birding 101 (~¾ hr.)

Join the naturalist at the Nature Center for a talk on the basics of bird identification. Then go on a short hike to test your observation skills. Bring binoculars if you have them.

1 PM Hoosier Quest Series (~1 hr.)

Families and children are welcome to find out about and begin the Hoosier Quest Series during this hour. Each of the three paths—Discover, Connect and Explore—have different requirements.

2 PM One Bad Bug (~ ½ hr.)

Come watch a film about the Emerald Ash Borer. Find out about the massive destruction caused by this one little bug and what you can do to help stop it.

SUNDAY, August 23

1 PM Crafty Critters (~½ hr.)

Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!

2 PM Feeding Time (~¾ hr.)

Learn about the food chain and then observe it first hand by helping the naturalist feed the animals at the Nature Center.

THURSDAY, August 27

10 AM Birding from the Water (~2 hrs.)

Sign up at the Nature Center by 9:30 am for the opportunity to canoe up Laughery Creek observe some of the parks feathered inhabitants. *Must be signed up to participate.*

2 PM Feeding Time (~¾ hr.)

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FRIDAY, August 28

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~1 hr.)

Families and children are welcome to find out about and begin the Hoosier Quest Series during this hour. Each of the three paths—Discover, Connect and Explore—have different requirements.

1 PM One Bad Bug (~ ½ hr.)

Come watch a film about the Emerald Ash Borer. Find out about the massive destruction caused by this one little bug and what you can do to help stop it.

4 PM Nature Rubbings (~ ½ hr.)

Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to go on a walk up Trail #3. We'll make rubbings of leaves, fossils, bark and more! There are little prizes for those who complete all of the rubbings.

SATURDAY, August 29

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~1 hr.)

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1 PM Wonderful Wetlands (~ ¼ hr.)

Drop in the Nature Center to learn about the wetlands in Indiana. Check out a few creatures that inhabit wetlands and watch a film to find out why they are so important to us.

3 PM Birding 101 (~¾ hr.)

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SUNDAY, August 30

- 1 PM Crafty Critters (~1/2 hr.)**
Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!
- 3 PM Slithering Safari (~1hr.)**
Join the naturalist in searching for all kinds of critters in the park's creeks to capture for educational purposes. Wear old shoes & clothing; bring a net if you have one.

THURSDAY, September 3

- 10 AM Birding from the Water (~2 hrs.)**
Sign up at the Nature Center by 9:30 am for the opportunity to canoe up Laughery Creek observe some of the parks feathered inhabitants. *Must be signed up to participate.*
- 3 PM Figuring out Flowers (~ 3/4 hr.)**
Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to learn about how to use a dichotomous key. Then go on a short walk to put your keying skills to the test with the summer wildflowers we observe.

FRIDAY, September 4

- 3 PM Hoosier Quest Series (~1 hr.)**
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- 9 PM Owl Prowl (~1¼ hrs.)**
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SATURDAY, September 5

- 11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~1 hr.)**
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- 1 PM Crafty Critters (~1/2 hr.)**
Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!
- 3:30 PM Pool Pals (~1/4 hrs.)**
Be on the look out for the naturalist at the pool during swim break! See what interesting pals she brings to talk about.

SUNDAY, September 6

- 11 AM Snakes Alive (~1/2 hr.)**
Drop in the Nature Center to learn some general facts about the snakes of Versailles S.P. Are snakes really as sinister as most people think? Find out just how harmful or helpful they really are.
- 1 PM One Bad Bug (~ 1/2 hr.)**
Come watch a film about the Emerald Ash Borer. Find out about the massive destruction caused by this one little bug and what you can do to help stop it.
- 3 PM Tree Identity (~1/2 hr.)**
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MONDAY, September 7

- 11 AM Extraordinary Eagles (~ 3/4 hr.)**
Come to Nature Center and relax as you view eagles on film and listen to narration by the naturalist.
- 2 PM The Big Release (~ 1 hr.)**
Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to find out about its inhabitants. Then go on a walk and help release them in back into their natural habitats.